

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH UNION CHURCH
SCOTT CO., MISS., SEPT. 16-17-18, 1905

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING, NEW
IRELAND CHURCH, NEWTON COUNTY



1905

J. W. Arnold, Moderator, Stamper, Miss.

G. P. Clarke, Clerk, Decatur, Miss.

J. E. Graham, Treasurer, Decatur, Miss.

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State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence With the Churches.

Beloved Brethren and Sisters Composing the Churches that make the Mt. Pisgah Association: We are in session with Union Church, Scott county, for 1905, and address you a few lines, that you may know our state. We are in our Sixty-eighth annual session. We were very cordially received by the church and community, and well and abundantly supported. We were favored with very fine weather. The Introductory Sermon, preached by Elder E. W. Breland, was instructive and encouraging. We have nearly a full representation from the churches. The meeting has been pleasant. There was a vein of cheerful humility manifested, that caused our intercourse to be pleasant. We were enabled to realize that it was good to dwell together in unity, that fellowship of kindred souls is like to that above. The collections, both for missions and Orphanage, were fully on the average. The word we get from the churches represent them as in peace; we hear of no strife or bickering, and there seems to have been about the usual number of baptisms. Our dear old Association has lost none of her vigor. We rejoice to believe that our dear and useful Association has lost none of its soundness or activity, which should be a matter of great rejoicing. At no time in the past have our churches been more liberal in mission work. This should be a matter of great rejoicing. Let us labor to be more active - it is His great, His last command. Let us cultivate soundness in the faith - activity in the work. Let us be true to our profession. Let us be careful to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints." Let us labor earnestly to maintain sound doctrine.

N. L. CLARKE, Chairman.

Proceedings

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association in Annual Session 1905.

Union Baptist Church, Scott County
September 16, 1905.

The hour for the Introductory sermon having arrived, and the regular appointee, Elder R. K. Cleveland, not being present, the sermon was preached by his alternate, Elder E. W. Breland. Text, Matt. 5:15, "Ye are the Light of the World." Theme, the Church the Light of the World, and the Importance of Christians Letting their Lights Shine. The sermon was delivered with much earnestness and feeling, was considered sound and seemed to be well received by the large and appreciative audience.

Elder N. L. Clarke made a few appropriate remarks, after which one hour was spent in partaking of refreshments, which were furnished in great abundance by the church and the community.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

After singing the old song, "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," prayer was offered by Elder J. E. Chapman. The Association was convened in her Sixty eighth Annual Session by her venerable moderator, Elder N. L. Clarke.

The following committees were then appointed by the moderator:

To Read Letters A. G. Graham, W. J. McMullan and W. B. Sansing.

Finance - L. S. James, A. J. Nichols and A. F. Lindley

The roll of churches was then called, letters read, and messengers' names enrolled.

All the churches were represented, either by messengers or letters, except Mt. Sinai and Woodland. The churches

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were, as a rule, reported in good condition.

Elder W. J. Bruner was appointed to preach at the stand

The time arrived for the body to re officer herself, and, on motion, agreed to elect by acclamation. Elder N. L. Clarke, on account of age and long service, declined to serve in the capacity of moderator longer; whereupon Eld J. W. Arnold was unanimously chosen moderator. Eld. J. E. Chapman, the former clerk, being no longer a member of the body, tendered his resignation as clerk. G. P. Clarke was chosen clerk and J. E. Graham re elected treasurer. The officers elected accepted with thanks.

Petitionary letters were then called for, when Pleasant Ridge church, Newton county, presented both a petitionary and statistical letter, and was duly received as a member of the body, the moderator giving the hand of fellowship, in behalf of the body, to the messengers.

On motion, visiting ministers were invited to seats. None responded.

Correspondence from sister associations was next called for, when Elders J. E. Chapman and W. B. Sansing were received from Bay Springs Association, and duly seated after the passage of a resolution opening correspondence with the Bay Springs Association. J. H. Mize was received as a messenger from the Rankin County Association. The moderator gave the hand of welcome to the above named messengers.

The committee on preaching reported as follows: That Elder W. B. Hammond conduct prayer meetings at 10 a. m. Sunday morning; Elder W. L. Collins, the regular appointee to preach the annual sermon on missions at 11 a. m.; Elder J. E. Chapman to preach in the afternoon; Eld. R. K. Cleveland to preach at the church tonight; Elder W. H. Rayner to preach at the church Sunday night; Eld. D. M. Strand on "The Ridge" Sunday night; Elder W. B. Sansing at Harpersville and Elder N. A. Edmonds, at the stand Monday morning.

The following committess were appointed by the moderator, the body concurring:

Preaching—Pastor and deacons of Union church, with Joe Rushing, W. L. Robinson and J. E. Graham.

State of Religion—N. L. Clarke, F. W. Breland, W. H. Raines, Joe Rushing, T. L. Gaines.

Missions—H. Bruce, D. H. Yarbrough, D. B. Cannon and A. G. Graham.

Temperance—G. P. Clarke, W. L. Collins, J. H. Cunningham and J. D. Herrington.

Sunday Schools—J. E. Graham, E. W. Breland, W. B. Sansing and W. B. Hammond.

Queries and Requests—W. H. Rayner, W. L. Robinson, W. J. Bruner, W. P. Gordon, Joe Rushing.

Publications—N. L. Clarke, J. T. Dean, O. Smith, Wm. Yarbrough, A. H. Armstrong.

Nominations—A. J. Nichols, L. S. James, J. C. Rushing, A. J. Rayner, Sr., J. F. Sansing.

Education—R. R. Cleveland, J. A. White, A. Wolverton, N. A. Edmonds, W. L. White.

Orphanage—W. J. McMullan, T. B. Pace, L. F. Milling, J. E. Collins, J. T. Gibbons.

On motion, a special committee was appointed on obituaries—G. P. Clarke, A. F. Lindlay, Jesse Smith, E. R. Johnson, T. J. McDill, W. J. McMullan.

On motion, a special committee was appointed to draft resolutions of thanks to the retiring Moderator for a long and faithful service—E. W. Breland, J. E. Chapman, J. W. Arnold, W. B. Hammond, W. J. Bruner, R. K. Cleveland, W. L. Collins.

On motion, agreed to take up a public collection at the eleven o'clock service on Sunday for missions and in the afternoon for the Orphanage.

On motion, M. F. Mann, J. H. Cunningham and J. B. Gibbons were excused from further attendance on this body.

The business of the day being completed, on motion, the Association adjourned until 8:30 o'clock, Monday morning.

LORD'S DAY SERVICE

At ten o'clock Elder W. B. Hammond conducted the prayer meeting, several brethren leading.

At eleven o'clock, Elder W. B. Sansing read a lesson from the Scriptures and offered prayer, after which the annual sermon on missions was preached by Elder W. L. Collins—text: John III, 17; "God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." Theme—Christ in the Gospel. The sermon was sound, earnest and practical, containing strong and comforting truths for the people of God. It was well received and, no doubt much good will result from it.

The congregation was large and the order almost perfect. At the close of the service a collection was taken for missions amounting to \$40.80.

AFTERNOON

Elder J. E. Chapman preached an able and instructive sermon in the afternoon from Luke XIX, 9-10. Theme—Christ's mission in the world, and how he fulfilled it. The sermon was attentively listened to by a large congregation. At the close of the service \$19.65 was contributed for the Orphanage. The entertainment was abundant, and everything apparently quiet and orderly. Elders W. H. Rainer and D. M. Stroud preached at night. The day's services, we hope, will redound to the glory of God.

MONDAY MORNING, 8:30 O'CLOCK

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After a song Elder E. W. Breeland offered prayer.

The roll was called and absentees excused.

By order of the Moderator the Rules of Decorum were

read by the Clerk.

Renewed call for churches not heard from. No response.

Renewed call for correspondence from sister Associations, when the following brethren were received as corresponding messengers :

J. P. Session from Hopewell Association.

W. E. Deer from Harmony.

Call for visiting ministers, the following responded :

J. M. Price; S. E. Gordon, W. H. Price, and W. S. Ford from Hopewell Association.

Correspondents to sister Associations were appointed as follows :

Harmony, J. W. Arnold.

Pearl Valley, D. B. Cannon.

Oktibbeha, A. F. Lindlay, W. H. Rainer.

Hopewell, Joe Rushing, A. F. Lindlay, D. M. Stroud.

Bay Springs, J. W. Arnold, J. D. Herrington, J. F. Sansing, W. J. Bruner, W. L. Collins.

On motion, a resolution was passed authorizing any member of this Association, visiting sister Associations, to act as corresponding messengers.

On motion, messengers were authorized to write their own letters and sign officers names thereto.

The following brethren were appointed messengers to the General Association for 1905 :

N. L. Clarke, J. F. Sansing, E. W. Breeland, J. W. Arnold, D. M. Stroud, S. M. Warren, J. M. Cooper, W. H. Rainer, W. L. Collins, J. D. Herrington, R. K. Cleve land, G. P. Clarke, Joe Rushing, W. L. White, T. J. Wolverton, T. L. Gaines, W. L. Robinson, D. B. Cannon; W. P. Cooper, W. J. Bruner, Wm. Yarbrough, H. Bruce, L. P. Wilson, A. Wolverton, O. J. Putnam.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

State of Religion—The report was read by J. E. Chapman and, after remarks by N. L. Clarke, W. E. Deer,

Joe Rushing and the Moderator, was adopted, (see first page).

On motion, speeches were limited to five minutes.

Missions—Report read, discussed by H. Bruce, W. B. Sansing, D. M. Stroud, R. K. Cleveland, E. W. Breeland, W. E. Deer, N. L. Clarke and J. E. Chapman, and adopted. (Appendix A)

Temperance—Report read, discussed by W. B. Sansing, R. K. Cleveland, D. M. Stroud, H. Bruce and Joe Rushing, and adopted. (Appendix B)

Education—Report read, discussed by R. K. Cleveland and J. W. Arnold, and adopted. (Appendix C)

Sunday Schools—Report read by E. W. Breeland, discussed by J. E. Graham, E. W. Breeland and H. Bruce, and adopted. (Appendix D)

Queries and Requests—Report read and after some discussion was adopted (Appendix E)

On motion, adjourned one hour for dinner, which as heretofore was served in great abundance.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reconvened at the appointed hour, and the report of committees continued

Publication—The committee not having prepared a report, the chairman was allowed the privilege of making report in the future and handing to the Clerk for publication in the minutes. The subject was discussed by W. B. Sansing, N. L. Clarke, J. H. Wise and W. J. Bruner (Appendix F)

Nomination—Adopted without discussion (Appendix G)

Orphanage—After remarks by N. L. Clarke, W. B. Sansing and J. E. Chapman, was adopted (Appendix H)

Obituaries—Adopted without discussion. (Appendix I)

Finance—Report read by A. F. Lindlay and adopted. (Appendix J)

Special committee to draft resolutions of thanks to the retiring moderator—Report read and after some remarks of the subject of the resolutions was adopted. (Appendix K)

On motion, the treasurer was allowed to reimburse himself to the amount of \$3.13, overpaid during the last Associational year.

Business was suspended and a contribution amounting to \$29.35 was made for the benefit of Elder N. L. Clarke.

On motion, resolved that the report of the special committee be published in the Mississippi Baptist.

On motion, the clerk was authorized to have blank letters prepared for the use of the churches, and to draw on the treasurer for expense of printing the same.

All other business being completed, the following resolutions were offered and adopted :

1st. That in the future no one shall be eligible to the office of Moderator of this Association, after having served for four consecutive years.

2nd. That the Abstracts of Faith, Gospel Order, Objects and Powers and Rules and Decorum of this Association be published in the minutes and this resolution be permanent for the future.

3rd. That the pastors and delegates to this Association be requested to bring the subject of missions before their churches, and urge them to represent themselves by delegation and funds to the General Association.

4th. That the clerk be instructed to have the minutes of this meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly and promptly done, paying for same when so done and approved by him, and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary of \$20, printer's fee and postage reserving a sufficiency of copies for distribution.

5th. That all money on hand for the Orphanage be sent by the treasurer to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss.

6th. All funds on hand, after all expenses are met, to be sent to the General Association for missions.

7th. That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the Union Church and community at large for their kind and generous entertainment of the Association during this session.

8th. That we now adjourn to meet with New Ireland Church, Newton County, Miss., on Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1906.

The closing prayer was offered by Elder W. N. Collins, after which came the old Doxology "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." The benediction by the Moderator closed this harmonious and profitable meeting of the Grand Old Body.

G. P. CLARKE,
Clerk.

J. W. ARNOLD,
Moderator.

Appendices

MISSIONS—A

Your committee on missions would report the following:

The subject of missions is the most important subject of which we have any knowledge. The spread of the Gospel is the greatest work that God's children have ever enlisted in. We are told in the Word that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believed on him might not perish, but have everlasting life." The Gospel, then, is the medium through which God reveals His love to a lost world, for it is the "Power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth." The great commission to preach the Gospel was given unto the church, and when we realize that salvation can only be obtained by faith in Christ, and faith cometh by hearing. We see the great importance of carrying the Gospel into the destitute parts of the world; and not the importance only, but the responsibility resting on God's children. If we withhold our means from the support of the cause, we disobey God, and are withholding the medium through which the water of life is to reach a perishing world. We claim to be a missionary people; let us prove ourselves worthy of the name by our efforts, by our prayers, and by giving of our means to the support and spread of the Gospel, and in so doing, the Lord has promised to be with us "always, even unto the end of the world."

Respectfully submitted,

H. BRUCE,
Chairman.

TEMPERANCE - B

We your Committee on Temperance Submit the Following:

We deem it unnecessary to enumerate in detail all the evils growing out of intemperance, as this has been done so often in former sessions of this body. Suffice it to say, that the inordinate use of intoxicating drinks, and their kindred compounds, such as poisonous drugs, is the greatest curse that afflicts the human race today. The enervating effects of strong drink on the organism are well known, even to the school children of our country, who study physiology; and they know that a great many of the worst forms of disease are directly traceable to the habitual use of alcoholic spirits. Worse than all this, is the destruction of all that is good in man. When we remember the dreadful sentence found in the words of eternal truth, that drunkards are among those who are barred from the tree of life, we are made to tremble for many of our fellow men. But we have not space in this short report to go over the whole field. The only way to destroy these evils, is to strangle the monster and cast him out of our country. We urge every one, especially every Christian, and more especially every Baptist, to fight and work and pray for the abatement of this great evil. Hold up constantly before the young men and boys of our land the danger lurking in even an occasional drink, for the tippler of today may be the drunkard of tomorrow. We wish further to throw out a note of warning to our young men against the use of drugs, such as morphine, opium and coca cola. They destroy the will power and leave the poor victim entirely susceptible to all the baser passions of the human heart. It is said that "blind tiger" still exists in many parts of our country. This is a great evil because added to the bad effects of the poison on the physical system, is the fact, that those who patronize

them are led to perjure themselves to shield the vendors of the liquid death, for one who buys "blind tiger" liquor will not give it away. The evil ought to be suppressed.

Submitted,

G. P. CLARKE, Chairman.

EDUCATION - C

Your committee on education recognize the fact that to offer anything new on the subject is a difficult task, yet the subject has lost none of its importance or hold on the people. We are glad to be able to say that our people are putting forth a greater effort to educate their children and take advantage of the common school system. The term in many of our counties has been extended to six and eight months. If we expect to educate the masses, these schools must have our patronage. If we do not educate our children, others will do it for us, and in that work, while they disclaim all intention to sectarianism in their schools, it is but natural for young people to imbibe those principles that exist in the atmosphere in which they are educated. Let us bestir ourselves to greater activity in this direction and give our children that which cannot be taken away from them. We must be very careful in the selection of our teachers. Let us see that they are always upright in character and, if possible, believe Baptist principles. We also need schools of higher grade under the supervision of Baptists, where Baptist influence prevails. We have a few such schools, but we need many more of them. As a college, the Mississippi College at Clinton, with its past history and success, commends itself to every Baptist in the land.

Submitted,

R. K. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—D

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following:

We deem the Sunday School a very important part of our Church work. Important, because the intent is to teach the word of God. The word of God "maketh wise unto salvation." To seek and to save the lost was the mission of Jesus on earth. He says, "As my Father hath sent Me, even so I send you." He taught on the Sabbath days. If we are sent as He was sent, it becomes our duty to follow His example. He gave us His life, hence the necessity of the Sunday School. Our churches are not taking the interest in the Sunday School that the importance of the work demands. Too few have them at all. Less than one third report a Sunday School. We would urge each church of this body to enlist in this grand work. "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are them that testify of Me."

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. GRAHAM, Chairman.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS—E

Your Committee on Queries and Requests beg leave to submit the following:

We find seven requests for the next meeting of this Association, viz: Ebenezer, County Line, Hebron, Pleasant Hill, New Ireland, New Prospect and Pinckney. We recommend New Ireland as the place of your meeting in 1906. We find one request for letter of dismission—Liberty. We recommend the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. RAINER, Chairman.

PUBLICATIONS—F

Your Committee on Publications in presenting this report, are reminded that ours is a reading people, and that they will read, so that the great concern with us, as Christians and Baptists, is what we, our families and our neighbors may safely read. First and above all is the Bible, as it is the rule, and the only rule, of faith and practice in Christianity. Next, well and safely written articles, explaining the doctrines of the Bible, "search the Scriptures." Next, we recommend reading our denominational papers, and first of all these, our own beloved Mississippi Baptist, published weekly at Newton, Miss. We deem this paper as worthy of hearty approval and cordial support. We suppose it is the cheapest paper published in the county for its size, matter and make up. Every family should subscribe for it and read it. To those who want more than our religious paper, we recommend The Baptist published at Jackson, Miss. We urge our people to subscribe for the Foreign Mission Journal and The Home Field. For Sunday School work, we commend to the churches the literature published at Nashville.

Submitted,

N. L. CLARKE, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS—G

Your Committee on nominations submit the following:

That Elder F. M. Breeland preach the next introductory sermon on Saturday with Elder W. L. Collins as alternate; W. H. Rainer the annual sermon on missions at 11 o'clock on Sunday, with Elder E. W. Breeland his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. NICHOLS, Chairman.

ORPHANAGE—H

We, your Committee on the Orphanage, report as follows:

The Orphanage, located at Jackson, Miss., is, we believe, one of the best homes to be found anywhere; and as it is a Baptist institution, owned and controlled by trustees elected by the State Convention and General Association, we believe the management to be worthy and competent, and, under the supervision of Bro. Carter, every interest of the institution will be properly cared for. In this connection we would urge that we, the Baptists, support the Orphanage, and support it liberally, for it is our institution and only kept up by free contributions, and ever remember that it is the Scriptural injunction to care for the orphans.

Submitted,

W. J. McMULLAN, Chairman.

OBITUARIES—I

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following:

We find, from the letters to the Association, that seventeen members of the different churches have crossed over the dark river since our last meeting and have gone to the great beyond. They have fought their last battles with the temptations, the trials and the strife of the world. We mourn our loss in death, but, on the other hand, we feel that if they were what they professed to be which we believe, their happy spirits are now walking "high on the hills of immortality, basking in the sun light of God's eternal love, and rejoicing in the presence of the Savior who died for them, whose they were and who they served here on earth." We would be glad to mention all by name, but lack of space will not admit, and

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we offer this as a slight tribute to their memory.

Submitted,

G. P. CLARKE, Chairman.

FINANCE—J

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following:

We have examined the treasurers report and find the following:

Received last year:

Associational fund.....	\$ 100 60
Collected for missions.....	77 45
Collected for Orphanage.....	27 77
Balance on hand.....	25
Total.....	\$ 206 07
Amount over paid.....	3 13
Total.....	\$ 209 20
Disbursed.....	209 20

Received at this meeting:

Associational fund...	\$ 84 00
Collected for missions.....	40 80
Collected for Orphanage.....	19 65
Total.....	\$ 144 45

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. JAMES,

A. J. NICHOLS,

A. F. LINDLAY,

Committee.

(Note—The Associational fund from Mt. Sinai Church was sent to the Clerk after the adjournment of the Association, hence is not included in the above—Amount \$3 25—Clerk)

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS TO N. L. CLARKE - K

It is with gratitude to God, that we feel that it is our privilege to bear testimony to the worth, faithfulness and usefulness of such a member as has been manifest in the life and work of our venerable brother Eld. N. L. Clarke. We learn that he has been a member of this body since the year 1841, making the sum of sixty four years. We find that he was first elected to the moderatorship in the year 1850 and served for five consecutive years. Eld. L. P. Murrell succeeded him in the chair for five years or until 1860, during which time he served as clerk. In the above year he was elected as moderator again, and has been continued in the chair up to the present, 1905. He never missed a meeting. The only time there was any failure, was in the year 1878, when the yellow fever was in our country. In that year, he was twice at the place appointed to hold its session. He was moderator for forty five consecutive years, together with five years previous, making fifty years in all. We find also, that, first and last, he has served as missionary for this and the General Association for a number of years. In view of the above facts, it is only at his own request, and most earnest solicitation that he has been excused from the moderatorship, at the sixty eighth annual session of this body, A. D. 1905.

We further recommend the following:

Resolved: That this body hereby tender to our venerable brother and past moderator, our most earnest thanks for the able, faithful, impartial and just administration of the duties of the office; and further,

That we hereby renewingly express our love, respect, esteem and confidence in him as a minister and Christian brother, and devoutly pray God's richest blessings upon him.

Submitted,

E. W. BRELAND, Chairman.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

R. L. Herrington, Union	J. W. Arnold, Union
W. H. Raines, Chunkey	W. J. Bruner, Newton
N. L. Clarke, Decatur	J. H. Saterfield, Newton
H. Bruce, Decatur	Wm. Yarbrough, Lawrence
W. B. Hammond, Newton	D. M. Stroud, Lake
Joe Rushing, Malco	R. K. Cleveland, Decatur
F. M. Breeland, Dixon	E. W. Breeland, Zion
B. W. Rainer, Hickory	W. L. Collins, Union
N. A. Edmunds, Clinton	

LICENTIATES

T. A. Sims, Decatur	John Rushing, Malco
J. T. Giles, Chunkey	Joseph White, Riversville
G. W. May, Newton	R. W. Langham, Chunkey
W. B. Kichen, Lake	F. W. Green Dixon
G. W. Brantly, Sebastapol	A. L. Ingram, Dixon
A. J. Myers, Lake	J. W. Saterfield Newton

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Abstracts of Faith—Preamble

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon confession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches and of maintaining a correspondence for the preservation of a union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an association upon the following principles viz :

1. We believe in one triune of God, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God and are the only rules of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude and in him all posterity, in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.
4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that He calleth them with an holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
5. We believe there is one mediator between God and man the man, Christ Jesus—who by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath by His most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.
6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—

that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner in order to be saved must be born again

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgement, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized on a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to one Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and lawgiver of His church, that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion is the only baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptised church members have a right to partake of the Lord's supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members of the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of This Association

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs and, therefore this Association has no right to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of the churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church that may hold false doctrine or tolerate immoral practice.
2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches, to inquire into any difficulties between the churches and remove them if possible, to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters when solicited, and in general to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom, in any way they may deem practical.
3. With regard to the benevolent institutions of our country, we declare it to be an inalienable right of every association, of every church and of every individual member of a church to support them according to their own views and dictates of conscience, and the right shall never be called in question by this Association. Any motion whereby this right shall be called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.
4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.
5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing may be invited to seats in the Association but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. This Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn at any time and place they may think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it and account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own by laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they think expedient.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectfully belong, and shall be styled the Mount Pisgah Association.
2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.
3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased during the preceeding associational year, with the number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.
4. This Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.
5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.
6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundred—three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, and then four and no more.
7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain

the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the question properly under debate, cast no reflection on the Association or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject till all who desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without delay.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over when necessary,

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration and amendment at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

Union	Newton	Scott
21 60	73 00	10 00
5 00	8 50	125 00
60 00	50 00	60 00
50 00	143 00	219 60
60 00	500 00	230 00

Churches	County	Missions	Orphan age	Minister ial Aid	Building and Repairing	Pastor's Salary	Other Purposes	Total	Value Church Property
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	10 00						10 00	225 00
County Line	Neshoba	53 25	4 00	11 00			10 00	78 25	250 00
Cross Roads	Newton				1 90	40 00	1 50	43 40	
Chankey	Newton	19 00		5 00				24 00	
Decatur	Newton	69 00	11 00			75 00	46 00	201 00	1000 00
Dixon	Neshoba					75 00		75 00	
Ebenezer	Neshoba	10 00		33 25		32 50		75 75	
Hickory	Newton	128 00		25 00		200 00		353 00	800 00
Hebron	Newton		7 00	16 70				23 70	
Lake	Scott	15 15	12 75	44 00		63 00	27 50	166 90	
Liberty	Newton	28 15	5 75	22 25		72 25	1 90	130 30	
Mt. Sinai	Newton	25 30	10 00	8 00		29 50		72 80	
Midway	Newton	20 00	6 00			40 00	10 00	76 00	
New Prospect	Newton	8 00				55 00		63 00	
Pleasant Hill	Newton	108 80	13 40			134 25	205 00	461 55	
Pinchney	Newton	6 40		43 00	6 70	28 50		74 60	500 00
Poplar Springs	Newton	14 40				100 00		114 40	500 00
Poplar	Newton	12 45		5 95		32 50	10 75	61 65	
Salem	Scott		4 00			60 00		4 00	250 00
Sulphur Springs	Scott	21 60	5 00	8 50	125 00	60 00		219 60	
Union	Newton	73 00	10 00	10 00		60 00		143 00	500 00
Union	Scott					60 00		60 00	

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Churches	County	Baptized	Re'd by let r	Restored	Dis. by let r	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	No Minutes	Ass n Fund	Time of Meeting	Ordained	Licentiates	Colored	Pastors
Beulah	Newton	211	8	2	148	88	138	40	4	003rd	1	2	G. W. Breeland				
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	203	3	21	23	44	20	2	002nd	1	2	W. L. Collins					
County Line	Neshoba	5	2	27	51	78	25	2	504th	1	2	G. W. Breeland					
Cross Roads	Newton	23	1	116	16	32	15	1	504th	1	2	R. K. Cleveland					
Center Ridge	Newton	27	8	119	12	31	15	1	503rd	1	2	B. W. Rainer					
Chunky	Newton	27	8	35	60	93	15	1	503rd	1	2	N. R. Stone					
Decatur	Newton	24	6	279	101	182	55	4	502nd	1	2	N. L. Clarke					
Dixon	Neshoba	7	6	31	53	84	35	3	503rd	1	2	W. L. Collins					
Enon	Neshoba	1	1	32	44	76	20	2	003rd	1	2	W. L. Collins					
Ebenezer	Newton	6	5	1	23	39	15	1	50	1	2	W. B. Hammond					
Ebenezer	Neshoba	5	1	4	21	35	56	15	501st	1	2	J. W. Arnold					
Ephesus	Scott	1	5	19	23	42	20	2	002nd	1	2	W. B. Hammond					
Good Hope	Newton	2	1	12	9	24	10	1	001st	1	2	J. H. Saterfield					
Good Hope	Scott	4	1	44	67	111	25	2	503rd	1	2	E. W. Breeland					
Hickory	Newton	7	3	37	26	63	25	2	502nd	1	2	T. J. Miley					
Hebron	Newton	6	3	37	48	85	15	1	504th	1	2	W. H. Rainer					
Lake	Scott	3	1	28	42	70	0	3	25	1	2	C. H. Joyner					
Liberty	Newton	3	1	28	42	70	0	3	25	1	2	J. E. Chapman					
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	3	1	28	42	70	0	3	25	1	2	F. M. Breeland					

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Midway	Newton	1
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	4
New Prospect	Newton	8

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Churches	County	Post Office	Delegates
Beulah	Newton	Hickory	J. E. Graham
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	Union	J. D. Herrington, J. W. Rhodes
County Line	Neshoba	Engine	J. M. Cooper, J. F. Sansing
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatun	M. F. Mann
Center Ridge	Newton	Chunkey	W. H. Rainer, I. A. Freeman
Chunkey	Newton	Chunkey	By Letter
Decatun	Newton	Decatun	N. L. Clarke, H. Bruce T. L. Gaines G. P. Clarke
Dixon	Neshoba	Dixon	D. B. Cannon, W. L. White
Enon	Neshoba	Engine	Preston Savill
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	W. B. Hammond, E. M. Nelson
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beech Springs	R. Gilbert, R. W. Brantly
Ephesus	Scott	Forest	Joe Rushing, O. Smith
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	By Letter
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	E. Waltman, John May
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	J. A. White
Hebron	Newton	Decatun	By Letter
Lake	Scott	Lake	C. E. Mann
Liberty	Newton	Newton	D. H. Yarbrough, A. J. Rainer, Sr
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	By Letter
Midway	Newton	Newton	C. R. Russel, W. J. McMullan

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Liberty	Newton	C. E. Mann
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	D. H. Yarbrough, A. J. Rainer, Jr.
Midway	Newton	By Letter
		C. R. Russel, W. J. McMullan

Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Chunkey	C. E. Allen, A. H. Armstrong
New Prospect	Newton	Prospect	A. Wolverton, O. J. Putnam
New Hope	Neshoba	Union	L. P. Wilson, J. A. Smith
New Hope	Scott	Lake	W. Gould
New Providence	Newton	Chunkey	A. F. Lindlay
New Ireland	Newton	Union	W. P. Gordon
Oakland	Newton	Hickory	By Letter
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	T. B. Pace
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	Hickory	J. H. Cunningham, J. B. Gibbons
Pineckney	Newton	Stamper	J. W. Arnold, J. E. Collins
Poplar Springs	Newton	Newton	E. B. Johnson, J. T. Dear, R. L. Edwards
Pine Bluff	Newton	Newton (5)	W. L. Robinson, H. C. Williams
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lawrence	Wm. Yarbrough, D. M. Stroud
Poplar	Newton	Cooksey	M. E. Mould, L. F. Milling
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	R. K. Cleveland, Jesse Smith
Salem	Scott	Forest R. F. D.	A. J. Nichols, W. Graham
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Flays	E. W. Breeland, T. J. McDill
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	By Letter
Sardis	Scott	Sebastapol	J. Finlay, S. L. Warren
Stamper	Newton	Stamper	Not Represented
Union	Newton	Union	W. L. Collins, L. S. James
Union	Scott	Malco	J. F. Curtis, R. M. Beasley
Woodland	Neshoba	Waldo	Not Represented

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